Ruling for praying at home if the masjid is far away

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Question:
I live in a house far from the masjid and I am forced to drive the car to the salaat. And if I walk o-n foot (to the masjid), then I miss the salaat sometimes. With the knowledge that I hear the adhaan over the loud speakers, then if I prayed in my house or prayed with three or four of my neighbours at another house, is this a serious matter? Please benefit me. May Allaah reward you with good.

Answer:
The duty o-n you is that your make salaat with your Muslim brothers in the masjid if you hear the call in your shop naturally, without needing something that magnifies the quiet and hard to hear sounds. Then if you are distant and you do not hear the sound of the call without a sound amplifier, then it becomes permissible for you to pray in your house or with some of your neighbours. And it is established from the Prophet (**Sallallahu 'Alaihi Wa Sallam**) who said to a blind man who asked for permission to pray in his house: "Do you hear the call to prayer?" He said: Yes. He (**Sallallahu 'Alaihi Wa Sallam**) said: "Respond to it". Collected by Imaam Muslim in his Saheeh. And to his saying (**Sallallahu 'Alaihi Wa Sallam**): "Whoever heard the call (to salaat) and he did not come to it, then there is no (reward for the) salaat for him except with an excuse". Narrated by Ibn Majah, al-Daraktani, Ibn Habban, and al-Haakim with a Saheeh chain. And when you answer the muaddhin and you are distant and you endured the hardship o-n your feet or in the car, then there is a goodness for you and it is preferred and Allaah will write in your records that you went to the masjid and returned from it with sincerity and correct intention. And it is established from the Prophet (**Sallallahu 'Alaihi Wa Sallam**): He said to a man whose house was far from al-Masjid an-Nabawi and he never missed the prayer (in congregation) with the Prophet (**Sallallahu 'Alaihi Wa Sallam**). It was said to him: If you were to buy a donkey you could ride upon it in the dark nights and in the burning sand. He said: I do not like my house to be situated by the side of the masjid, for I (eagerly) desire that my steps towards the masjid and back from it, should be recorded when I return to my family. Upon this the Messenger of Allah (**Sallallahu 'Alaihi Wa Sallam**) said: "Allaah has gathered all (rewards) for you". Collected by Imaam Muslim in his Saheeh.

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